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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING LEGISLATORS
AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF TO EARN MINIMUM CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION CREDITS FOR THEIR WORK DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AND FOR INTERIM COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE.

WHEREAS, the work of legislators and legislative staff
involves studying, analyzing, debating and writing the laws of
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, some legislators and legislative staff are
members of the state bar of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, those legislators and legislative staff that are
also attorneys are required to comply with minimum continuing
legal education requirements; and

WHEREAS, under the rules for continuing legal education,
credits may be given for approved programs, which may include

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1 lectures, panel discussions and question-and-answer periods;
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3 WHEREAS, the work of legislators and legislative staff
4 during the legislative session and during the legislative
5 interim is similar to the requirements for courses for which
6 continuing legal education credits are allowed, and the work
7 often includes lectures, panel discussions and question-and-
8 answer periods;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
11 minimum continuing legal education board conduct a study to
12 evaluate the feasibility of allowing legislators and
13 legislative staff to earn minimum continuing legal education
14 credits for their work during the legislative session and for
15 interim committee attendance; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the study be
17 reported to the board of bar commissioners of the state bar of
18 New Mexico and the New Mexico supreme court; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the New Mexico minimum continuing legal
21 education board, the board of bar commissioners of the state
22 bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico supreme court.